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AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to July 23, 2005.

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of July 23, 2005. Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute the species of Figure 3a-c in which claims 1-8 read thereon.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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